

LOCAL NEWS.

BURNING OF THE STEAMER FAIRFAX.—On Wednesday night the fine steam ship Fairfax, of the Atlantic Line, between the District cities, Alexandria, and N. York, which had arrived at the 9th street wharf, in Washington, was discovered to be on fire. "As soon as the fire was discovered, the ship was run up above the wharf, that the flames might not spread, to the warehouses. The Union and United States steamers prevented a very rapid spread of the flames until the arrival of the other steamers, with the aid of which the flames were eventually extinguished, but not until about two o'clock this morning. The Fairfax brought around a full cargo of merchandise which fortunately had been discharged. A portion of the furniture and some of the personal effects of the captain and crew were destroyed. It is yet uncertain as to how the fire originated. Captain Winters states that it was first discovered in the engine-room, and that at the time a full watch was on duty. The watchman states that three men went on board the vessel about nine o'clock and that he took them to belong to the crew, but the crew state that none of them were off the vessel last night, and it is thought by some that these men set fire to the ship. The inner works of the vessel were almost entirely burnt out, but the hull was not damaged. The loss is estimated at about \$25,000. The Fairfax was one of the best steamers of the line, and was elegantly fitted up and furnished for the passenger business. She was valued at \$75,000."—*Wash. Star.*

Yesterday the three fishing shores above Georgetown, well known as Cloud's landings, were rented at auction. Landing No. 1, nearest Georgetown, was let to Robert Simmons, for \$1,025; No. 2, to Wm. Mankins, for \$850; No. 3, to Wm. Simmons, for \$150. English Harbor landing, on the Virginia shore, near the Aqueduct bridge, was afterwards let to Joseph Harper, for \$100. The term only includes the approaching season. The rents are considerably in advance of those of the last season.

We have received the prospectus of the Home Gazette, a weekly family literary paper, which is soon to make its appearance in Washington city. It will be free from all political or sectarian bias; and its Editor, a gentleman of acknowledged literary ability, pledges himself to spare no labor or expense to make it one of the best papers of its kind in the world. In its first number an intensely interesting story, the scene of which is laid in this city, will be commenced.

It is stated that Major Gaines, judge advocate of the Department of Washington, has received orders from the War Department to proceed to this city and investigate thoroughly the circumstances attending the disturbances here on Christmas day, and report to the Department of Washington the names of all participants liable to trial before a military commission, and of all paroled officers or enlisted men of the Confederate army concerned in the breach of peace.

The Postmaster General yesterday issued the following order; re-open the post offices at Neabco Mills, Prince William county; S. B. June postmaster, vice H. Ratcliffe. Mount Olive, Shenandoah county; Levi Pitman postmaster, vice J. H. Sibert. Falmouth, Stafford county; J. B. Ficklin postmaster, vice M. Forbes. At Dumfries, Prince William county, appoint Mrs. Martha Long postmistress, vice Mrs. Mary E. Clarke, moved away.

POLICE REPORT.—MAYOR'S OFFICE.—The time of the Mayor this morning was occupied in granting orders for wood and provisions to the deserving poor of the city, and, we are sorry to add, that the late inclement and severe weather has greatly increased the number of applicants for the corporations aid.

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE.—Rev. Father Maguire, formerly the popular president of this venerable institution, has been again appointed to the charge thereof, the term of the Rev. Father Early having expired. Father Early, will take Father Maguire's place as pastor of St. Aloysius in Washington.

The steamer Diamond State, advertised to leave Baltimore on Wednesday evening last for this port, had not arrived at 12 o'clock today. The gale, which prevailed last night, may have retarded her progress.

We are indebted to our young friend, Mr. Henry B. Wright, now in Mexico, for late copies of the Mexican Times, printed in English, in the city of Mexico.

GOLD.

NEW YORK, January 5.—Gold, 142½

COUNTY COURT.—John A. Dixon and John C. Graham, executors of Henry Chatham, deceased, qualified, and gave bonds.

George F. Green vs. J. M. Coughlin—in case—verdict for plaintiff for \$102.50, with interest—bill of exceptions filed.

Elizabeth J. Jamieson qualified as executrix of Robert Jamieson, deceased.

Lewis McKenzie renounced the executorship of the estate of W. P. Quisenberry.

An account of S. N. Chipley, for \$28.90, against the county, was allowed.

F. M. McDowell & Co., vs. George Seaton, assumpsit—motion for rule against G. S. Minor, for the return of certain papers in evidence—motion sustained, and papers returned.

Com. vs. George Siggers—on an indictment—verdict of guilty, and damages assessed at \$50, and judgment for fine and costs—bill of exceptions filed.

Com. vs. Wm. Jackson—on an indictment for petit larceny—verdict of guilty, and sentenced to the county jail for thirty days.

Anthony Blount, sentenced yesterday to the penitentiary, was ordered to be discharged, having been tried and imprisoned heretofore for the same offence.

Conway & Son vs. J. N. Harper & Co.—in case—office judgment set aside by consent, and cause remanded to rules for further proceedings.

L. M. Lown vs. Henry's executrix—in case—continued till Friday.

Com. vs. John Miner, and same vs. John Cunningham—awaiting indictments for petit larceny—nolle prosequis entered in each case.

Wm. M. Johnson vs. A. Braan—by consent judgment against defendant for costs.

John H. Brent vs. Samuel Hefebower—in case—continued.

Thomas Smith was exonerated from the payment of \$8.10—erroneous taxes.

The attendance at the Court House this morning was larger than usual. The case of Samuel Beach, a Justice of the Peace of this county, against whom the grand jury, at its late session, found four bills of indictment; first for not returning proceedings to the court when fines were imposed, 2d for malfeasance in office, 3d for collecting fines without authority, and 4th for not paying in fines when collected, came up, and the indictments were immediately squashed, upon the ground that three Justices only were on the bench at the time the Grand Jury made its presentments—the law requiring four. Upon motion, however, of the Commonwealth's Attorney, the Court reversed its decision, and the case will be re-argued.—We understand that a suit for libel will arise out of this case.

The atmosphere this morning was exceedingly arctic in its temperature, and the cheeks of the ladies, whom we met on King street, had received from the North wind's brush a tinge fresh and delicate as that painted upon the peach. We venture to counsel an abandonment of red flannel and carnation by the dears who have hitherto used them, and to commend, in their stead, a resort to the kiss of the North wind, whose touch is sure to leave a hue unrivalled for its delicacy, and pure and innocent as the blush that rushes to the maiden's cheek. Ahem!

A grand masque ball is to take place in Warrenton to-night. Alex. R. Hunter, of this city, and Willie Spilman, of Warrenton, both members of the former 17th Va. Inf'ty, are on the committee of invitation.

MARRIED.

On the 4th inst., by the Rev. C. C. Biting, in Alexandria, Va., Mr. GEO. W. ROBISON and Miss MARY VIRGINIA KIDWELL, both of Fairfax county, Va.

On the same day, by the same, Mr. THOS. A. CHAUNCEY and Miss EMELINE POLLARD, both of Alexandria.

RELIGIOUS.—Appropriate religious services, in celebration of the Centenary in Methodism in America, will be held in the Washington street M. E. Church, on Sabbath as follows: Preaching at 11 o'clock, experience meeting at 3 p. m., and preaching at 7 o'clock at night.

Christians of other denominations, and especially all Methodists, are cordially invited to be present. Jan 5—2t

VALUABLE WEST END PROPERTY FOR SALE.—We have for sale a number of lots on the north side of Duke st., 50 feet front and 150 deep; also, several truck lots of various sizes, from one to four acres, binding on the Shuter's Hill road and on the road from King street to Dukeby Betzold's. Terms accommodating. dec 22—tf JOHNSTON & CARNE.

ROOM FOR RENT.—The STORE ROOM on Cameron street, next to the Old Theatre Building. A good business stand for either a grocery or dry goods store, or as a professional office. Enquire of JAMES CHATHAM. dec 19—eotf

J. P. CLARKE can be found at his old stand, No. 158, King street, up stairs. He is prepared to do all kinds of PAPER and CURTAIN HANGING and UPHOLSTERING, at the shortest notice. sep 15—eotf

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Will allow INTEREST ON DEPOSITS remaining in bank over twenty days. On sums of One Thousand Dollars and upwards, four per cent per annum. Under One Thousand Dollars, three per cent per annum. No notice required for depositors to draw their funds.

To commence on Monday, January 8. jan 3—tf CHAS. R. HOFF, Cashier.

MINCE MEAT.—At Moore's genuine MINCE MEAT, just received and for sale by GEO. E. WHITE. jan 3—4w 89 and 91, Cameron street.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE, COAL OIL. Naptha, Copal Varnish, Linseed Oil, Lard Oil, Neatsfoot Oil, Saponifer, Fresh Herbs, African Pepper, English Mustard, Pearl Barley, Oatmeal, Nutmegs, Mace, Coriander Seed, American Isinglass, Gum Myrrh, Putty in bladders, &c., just received and for sale by HENRY COOK, 39 and 224, King street. jan 3—tf

JUST RECEIVED.—A fresh lot of BUTTER, EGGS and DRIED APPLES from Loudoun county, Va. J. T. SHERWOOD. jan 4—tf cor. Queen and St. Asaph sts.

WAREHOUSE TO LET.—A two-story, brick, fire proof, slate roof, WAREHOUSE, in Sharpshin Alley, to let. Apply to GEO. E. WHITE, 89 and 91, Cameron street. jan 4—4w

INSTRUCTION IN MUSIC. J. G. FOERTSCH gives instruction on the Piano, Organ, &c., in Thorough-Bass and Musical Composition. Orders may be left at G. E. French's and R. Bell's Bookstores, the Gazette Office, and his residence, No. 104 Duke street. jan 4—tf

W. S. KEMPER. W. H. KEMPER

W. S. KEMPER & SON,

GROCERS AND GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS, No. 69, CAMERON STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA. dec 6—tf

INSTRUCTION ON THE PIANO, GUITAR, HARP, AND IN VOCAL MUSIC.

The undersigned, after an absence of six years, again presents himself to his friends and the public generally, for giving instruction on the above named instruments and in vocal music.

Those desiring to secure his services will please apply at either Mr. French's or Mr. Entwistle's Book Store, on King Street, and at the Journal and Gazette offices. sep 11—tf JOHN F. BRANT.

VICTOR BECKER. PIANO TUNER AND REGULATOR. Will attend promptly to the Tuning and Repairing of Pianos, Melodeons, Accordions, &c., &c. Orders will be received at Mr. Robert Bell's Book Store, No. 61, King street; with Mr. John H. Parrott, and at V. B.'s residence, 241, King street.

V. Becker also offers his services and long experience in the business, to persons wanting new Pianos, and wishing the advice of an able and disinterested judge. ap 4—tf

LAND AGENCY.

The undersigned having been solicited by a large number of Land Owners of this County, to send them purchasers for their farms, and from my long experience as a Surveyor, and as Sheriff I am well informed as to the quality and condition of most of the farms in this county.—I have concluded to solicit the patronage of the public as a LAND AGENT. Persons, therefore, who wish to purchase lands, and those who wish to sell, will find it to their interest to give me a call at my office, at Bruin's Jail, West End, near Alexandria, Va., or by mail, Box 314, Alexandria P. O., Va.

JONATHAN ROBERTS, de 21—2m Sheriff of Fairfax county, Va.

EDGAR T. McVEIGH, Formerly of J. H. McVeigh & Son, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

WITH J. C. BAUGHER & CO., LIQUOR MERCHANTS, No. 33, south Charles St., BALTIMORE.

Importers of WINES, BRANDIES and LIQUORS generally, dealers in WHISKIES of all grades.

Particular attention paid to old Whiskies, of which they have always a large stock on hand, varying from four to ten years old.

Orders for stock on hand or for direct importation will have prompt attention.

J. C. BAUGHER & CO., No. 33, South Charles st., Baltimore, Md. oc 18—tf

FOR SALE.—HOUSE AND LOT, No. 165, south Fairfax street, lot 100 feet front, running half-way through the square.—The house is double, with hall through the centre, two stories, has seven chambers in the main building and three in the back. Apply to JOHN PERRY, No. 41, south Union st. no 10—tf

VALUABLE LAND FOR SALE.—I offer for sale a tract of land in Fairfax county, near Cloud's Mill, containing 234 acres, of which 15 are in wood. It lies on the Seminary road, about 3 miles from Alexandria. The soil is good, and well adapted to the raising of fruits and vegetables. There are upon it a comfortable DWELLING HOUSE, stable and corn house. It will be sold in small tracts to suit purchasers. One fourth of the purchase money, only will be required in hand, on the residue five years time will be allowed, the interest payable annually. If not sold before, it will be sold by auction on Saturday, the 20th instant, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the Mayor's Office in Alexandria. [de 8—eotd] R. JOHNSTON.

Financial.

JNO. W. BURKE. A. HERBERT. J. W. MAURY. BURKE, HERBERT & CO.,

BANKERS,

Office, cor. King & Water sts., Alex., Va.

BUY AND SELL

UNCURRENT MONEY, GOLD AND SILVER COIN, AND EXCHANGE.

BONDS AND STOCKS, BOUGHT AND SOLD ON COMMISSION.

Sight Drafts, Checks, and Time Collections promptly remitted for. nov 1—tf

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Will Deal in

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UNCURRENT MONEY.

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Collections made on all accessible points in the United States, add proceeds promptly remitted. dec 4—tf

E. E. DOWNHAM,

Wholesale & Retail Dealer in

WINES AND LIQUORS,

Sole Agent for the sale of

WM. CLAGGETT & CO'S.

CELEBRATED X. X. X. CREAM ALE.

No. 41, King street,

oc 31—tf ALEXANDRIA, VA.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

LLANGOLLEN, the residence of Cuthbert Powell, dec'd., is offered at Private Sale until the 8th DAY OF JANUARY, 1866,

(Court-day) when if unsold, it will be exposed for sale at Public Auction to the highest bidder,

in front of the Court House, in Leesburg, Loudoun county, Va., at 12 o'clock m. This well-known and desirable tract of land, containing

786½ ACRES, is situated on the eastern slope of the Blue Ridge, in said county, 3 miles north of

Ashby's Gap, and 7 miles south of Snickers' Gap, with a large and elegant MANSION

HOUSE, upon it, overlooking the village of Upperville, and commanding one of the

finest prospects in one of the most agreeable neighborhoods in the State.

It has on it all the necessary outbuildings, and every variety of well selected Summer and Winter Fruit; it is well watered, with abundance of TIMBER, and under good stone

fencing. The soil is of the best quality, well set in blue grass and in splendid condition for farming or

grazing. Only \$5,000 will be required in cash; the payment of the remainder can be arranged to suit the purchaser.

For more particular information apply to the undersigned. HENRY HEATON,

Attorney at Law, Leesburg, Va., Agent for Wm. A. Stewart, Trustee for

nov 9—3tawts Mrs. M. V. Maddox.

FOR RENT.—The desirable four-story, fire proof WAREHOUSE, on the corner of Prince and Union sts. Possession given immediately. For terms apply to

WM. BUCKINGHAM, No. 71, King street no 20—tf

FOR SALE.—A most desirable HOUSE and LOT, on Prince near Union street. Apply to D. L. SMOOT, Office Market Building, oc 30—tf

REMOVAL.

We, herewith, take pleasure to inform our customers, and the public in general, that we have removed from No. 130 to No. 222, King street, between Columbus and Alfred, where we offer our entire stock of BOOTS AND SHOES from now until the first of January, at a reduction of 25 per cent., which will give a chance to every one to secure good bargains.

FREITAG & CO., No. 222, King st., bet. Columbus and Alfred. dec 9—1m

R. A. MATTHEWS, L. L. LOVING, of Richmond, Va. of Nelson, Va.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE FORMED a partnership, under the name and style of MATTHEWS & LOVING,

and having purchased the stock of Messrs. Witmer & Washington, will continue the

AUCTION & COMMISSION BUSINESS, in connection with a

WHOLESALE & RETAIL GROCERY, at the old stand of Messrs. Witmer & Washington, No. 4, Janney's Wharf, and No. 3, Union street, Alexandria, Va., where they will be glad to see their friends.

Consignments of Country Produce, &c., made to them will receive prompt attention, and every reasonable effort will be given to render general satisfaction. R. A. MATTHEWS, de 30—tf L. L. LOVING.

CIDER.—New Cider just received, and for sale by GEO. E. WHITE, 89 and 91, Cameron street. jan 2—4w

PIANO FOR SALE.—A 6½ Octave Walnut Case PIANO, in good condition, for sale very cheap. Apply at 241, King st. jan 2—1w

"MARTHA WASHINGTON" HAIR RESTORER.—The best thing for the hair in the market. Two articles combined in one. A perfect Hair Restorer and Hair Dresser. Sold by all Druggists. The trade supplied by HENRY COOK, No. 39, King st., Alexandria, Va. Warranted to do all we claim—or money refunded, after using two bottles. Ladies try it, nov 6—3m

J. T. EVANS would respectfully call the attention of the Ladies to his large stock of FURS, consisting of Mink, Siberian, Squirrel and Sable; also, a large stock of Misses' and Children's FURS, of every description, which will be sold cheap. Also, a fine stock of Men's and Boys' Felt HATS. Furs repaired at short notice. Call at No. 80, King st. no 21—tf